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Cc: Manzanilla, Enrique[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]; Maier, Brent[Maier.Brent@epa.gov]
From: Higuchi, Dean
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 2:01:17 AM
Subject: RE: Can you help with an inquiry I received?

Thanks, will forward to Rebecca Russo, so she can respond.

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From: [Allen, HarryL](#)
Sent: 8/11/2015 3:11 PM
To: [Higuchi, Dean](#)
Cc: [Manzanilla, Enrique](#); [Maier, Brent](#)
Subject: Re: Can you help with an inquiry I received?

We have 2 field commanders (on scene coordinators) in Farmington NM to serve our Navajo and AZ constituents. We have 2 community outreach personnel there as well. We have a command post in Farmington to coordinate w affected states and tribes and other entities. We have 6 environmental samplers and 7 additional coast guard staff for incident support.

In total: 17 personnel supporting region 9 AOR today.

Another OSC arrives tomorrow and more staff before Friday.

We are coordinating w UT, AZ and federal officials at NPS, USGS and BOR as well.
Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 4:40 PM, "Higuchi, Dean" <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov> wrote:

Our folks are at NN in NM right, anyone in Utah? Also, can I provide specific names?
Know our folks are in contact, but any specific contact with NN in Utah?

Thanks!

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From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:32 PM
To: Maier, Brent; Higuchi, Dean
Subject: Can you help with an inquiry I received?

Hi Brent and Dean,

I'm hoping you can help facilitate an answer to this question I received from

Angelia Crowther, *Community Support Liaison*

State of Utah DPS

Division of Emergency Mgmt.

Her question:

The release states that EPA has representatives in Utah and you let me know who they are and if they are in contact with local agencies, State agencies, and the Navajo Nation.

She is referring to this sentence in last night's statement:

EPA Region 8 has deployed a large response team to Durango and Silverton, Colorado and to several locations in New Mexico, Utah and the Navajo Reservation to coordinate with affected states, tribes and communities on various response activities and to address impacts associated with the Gold King mine wastewater release.

Region 8 does not have representatives in Utah, but I believe Region 9 might on Navajo.

Thanks very much,

Rebecca

Rebecca A. Russo

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From: Angelia Crowther [<mailto:acrowther@utah.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:10 PM
To: Russo, Rebecca
Subject: Re: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

Thank you for the press release Rebecca! The release states that EPA has representatives in Utah and you let me know who they are and if they are in contact with local agencies, State agencies, and the Navajo Nation.

Angelia Crowther, *Community Support Liaison*

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On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 7:35 PM, Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov>

wrote:

Hi all,

Please find attached the latest statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release.

Rebecca

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